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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of February 17, 2011, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on May 17, 2011, and which has been extended by the enclosed Request for Extension of Time set to expire on August 17, 2011, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.